

WILSON WIRES APPRECIATION TO MINERS

Want Protection For American Owned Oil Interests In Mexico

STORROW OUTLINES CONSERVATION

ANOTHER DOCUMENT IS BEFORE PRESIDENT ON MEXICAN SITUATION

CHAIRMAN PAYNE OF SHIPPING BOARD
SENDS LANSING NOTE ASKING
PROTECTION FOR INTERESTS
IN MEXICO.

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson had before him today another memorandum on the Mexican situation. It related to the interference of the Carranza government in the operation of American-owned oil properties in Mexico and was prepared by Chairman Payne of the Shipping Board, upon information furnished by representatives of Mexican oil producers. Chairman Payne also sent a letter to Secretary Lansing urging that the State Department take action toward protecting the American owned oil properties in Mexico.

By the stoppage of drilling of new oil wells under decrees of the Mexican government, the shipping board has become concerned over the operation of the large merchant marine as the bulk of the fuel for the 500 oil burning steamers has been obtained from the Mexican fields.

Should this supply be cut off the operation of the vessels necessarily would be curtailed, as only a small supply of oil is on hand.

It has developed that the state department during the last six months dispatched three notes to the Mexican government protesting against the oil decrees, but no replies have been received from President Carranza. It was learned today that Mexican soldiers had halted drilling operations of American companies on the ground that permits to drill had not been obtained. Under the Mexican government decrees, foreign oil companies must agree in advance that the new wells shall become the property of the Mexican government.

OTHER SIDE SAYS H. B. SEELEY WAS NOT INCOMPETENT

Claim He Was in Full Possession of Faculties At All Times.

Evidence to show that Herbert Barnum Seeley, grandson of the late P. T. Barnum, was mentally capable of transacting business at the time he assigned his interest in a trust fund was offered in the Superior court this afternoon when the trial of the suit to decide who is entitled to the fund was resumed before Judge Webb.

Charles Caldwell of Mount Vernon, N. Y., said he bought a one-fifth interest in Seeley's share of the fund, which amounted to over \$50,000, and paid Seeley \$15,000 for it. The witness made the deal on behalf of his wife.

Seeley was present when the deal was closed on September 28, 1910, and the witness said he appeared intelligent and fully aware of what the transaction meant.

Attorney H. C. De Witt of New York, said he had acted for Seeley in negotiating several loans. He declared that on those occasions Seeley was in full possession of all his faculties. This testimony was introduced on behalf of Mrs. Caldwell and others who loaned Seeley money upon the security of these assignments and are now trying to collect their money from the trust fund. Clinton Barnum Seeley, as administrator of his brother's estate, claims the deceased was mentally incapable of transacting business and that the assignments in dispute are therefore void.

ANOTHER ATTEMPT TO FORM GOVERNMENT.

Madrid, Dec. 10.—Eduardo Dato has apparently abandoned his attempt to form a cabinet and Count DeBugal, Minister of Finance in the Toca cabinet, is now attempting to form a government.

TUG BISON LOST

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—The United States Shipping Board tug, Bison, bound from the Great Lakes for Halifax, has been lost, according to reports received here. In company with four other tugs, she sailed from Quebec some days ago, and is understood to have been separated from the others, which are reported as coming down the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Sinn Fein Member Held

Kelly, Member of House of
Commons, Taken in Raid
By Military.

SEVERAL OTHER
ARRESTS MADE

Dublin, Dec. 11.—Thomas Kelly, Sinn Fein member of the House of Commons, was arrested in the course of a number of raids by the police and the military this morning, when the houses of several prominent Sinn Feiners were searched. The residences entered by the authorities in this process included the home of Count Plunkett, who was absent at the time of the official visit.

Several other arrests were made besides that of Kelly. The prisoners were taken to Kingstown in military lorries. They were then placed in row boats and taken out to a warship which sailed for an English port.

The approaches to the harbor were guarded by the military with armored cars and tanks.

It is rumored that destination of the prisoners is Wormwood Scrubs Jail in London.

Kelly was served on Tuesday evening with a police magistrate's order to close the Sinn Fein headquarters, which despite several raids and its suppression by proclamation, has continued in operation. The order was not obeyed, the houses still being open when the raid took place.

UNCERTAINTY REIGNING IN BIG LEAGUE

New York, Dec. 11.—Uncertainty reigns in big league baseball circles here today following the adjournment of the annual meetings of the American and National Leagues last night. Legal complications in the American League have indirectly involved the senior organization and there are several interlocking arrangements which may be held up indefinitely unless the tangle in the junior league can be straightened out before the approach of the playing season.

Although the American League elected a new board of directors favorable to the policies of President B. B. Johnson and refused to consider the election of an executive in the latter's place by a vote of 5 to 3, the minority, consisting of the New York, Boston and Chicago clubs, plan to continue their bitter legal battle to oust Johnson. Many suits and injunctions are piling up that it is almost impossible to follow the legal aspect of the affair. It is understood that strong efforts will be made during the next few days to bring the warring factions in the American League together upon some sort of a harmony basis, but the owners of the minority clubs, which are also the wealthiest in the league, declare that there can be no compromise under any circumstances.

A man who could tell such a story is beneath human contempt," declared the state's attorney. "I could forgive a man who committed a crime under an impulse. But I cannot forgive a man who would lay his burdens upon an innocent wife. There is no term left in the English language capable of describing a man of that character."

It was argued by the state's attorney that as Pratt had failed to tell where he was on the afternoon of the crime and as the stolen car was found in his possession he should be found guilty. In regard to the streaks of blood on the car the state's attorney said they might be the blood of an animal, as the accused claimed, or they might be Coppola's blood.

Attorney A. M. Comley, representing Pratt, argued that it had not been shown that Pratt was in Connecticut on the day of the crime and said there had been no evidence to connect Pratt with the theft of the car.

Judge Reed charged the jury before the noon recess and the case went into the hands of the jury this afternoon.

BRIDGEPORTER CREDITOR OF NORWALK MAN

Harry Greenberg, who has been doing business in this city under the name of Andy Parker, and who is now working in the shipyard, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy with Referee John W. Banks today. His liabilities are \$883.82. The largest creditors are David Greenberg of New Haven \$350 and A. J. Gallagher of Bridgeport \$150. The assets consist of cash, \$150; stock in trade, \$150; tools, \$40, and debts due on open account, \$16. Another of the Greenberg family, Samuel H. Greenberg, of New Haven, is attorney for the bankrupt.

The hearing on the account of the trustee of the estate of Samuel Bernstein was adjourned until tomorrow.

NO DIFFERENCE IN OPINION.

Washington, Dec. 11.—There is not now and never has been any difference of opinion between President Wilson and the State Department on the handling of Mexican affairs, Secretary Lansing said today. Mr. Lansing was discussing published reports that the President's attitude on the Fall resolution requesting a break with the Carranza government was a reversal of the policy adopted by the department.

T. L. WATSON NOTED BANKER DIES AT HOME

Thomas Lansdell Watson passed away at his home on Grovers Hill, Black Rock, early this morning, after a comparatively brief illness, having suffered from an attack of acute indigestion since Friday of last week.

General Watson was born in Bridgeport, the son of Dr. and Mrs. William Lansdell Watson on Dec. 13th, 1847. He was educated in the schools of Bridgeport and the Military Institute of New Milford. He began his business career as a clerk in Farmers' Bank and City National Bank of this city, leaving the latter institution to become a partner in the private banking and brokerage business with the late Daniel Hatch.

This firm was established on Nov. 1, 1866, under the name of Hatch & Watson, and continued since the death of Mr. Hatch as T. L. Watson & Co. This business was extended in 1879 by the opening in New York of the firm of Watson & Gibson which is now under one hand. General Watson has led a remarkably active life and held many positions of responsibility and trust both in this city and New York. He was treasurer of the building fund of the present St. John's church and a member of the vestry for many years. He was director of the Connecticut National Bank for a time, treasurer of the old Board of Trade.

Prior to his affiliation with the New York Stock Exchange, he was for many years a member and director of the Consolidated Exchange and at one time vice president and chairman of the finance committee. He was chairman of the committee in charge of the erection of the new building of the New York Athletic Club; at one time president and also served as vice president of the Union League of New York City. He was a member of the old 4th Regiment, Connecticut National Guard and was commissioned Lieutenant in May, 1877. He was promoted to aid-de-camp to Colonel of the old 4th Regiment, April, 1884; commissioned Brigadier General by Governor Bulfinch March, 1890, and honorably discharged January, 1897.

General Watson was closely interested with the financial circles in this city and New York and a member of many organizations here and in the metropolis.

His affiliations included: Union League of New York; Pilgrims' Society, New England society; Society of Sons of the American Revolution; New York Yacht Club; Lotos Club of New York; New York Athletic Club; Brooklawn Country Club and Seaside Club of Bridgeport.

General Watson is survived by a widow, Alice Cheever Watson, and two children, Mrs. Paul Armistead of New York and Arthur K. L. Watson, two grandchildren, Thomas W. and Virginia Armistead.

JAPAN ANSWERS NOTE RELATIVE TO SIBERIAN R. R.

Tokio, Dec. 9.—Japan has forwarded a note to Washington, replying to the communication sent recently by the government at Washington relative to the operation of the trans-Siberian railroad, voicing its gratification in the fact that America is convinced that Japan is "willingly and heartily determined to co-operate in the work to be done in Siberia." Emphasis is laid upon the desire of Japan to bring about "sincere co-operation" in the future of Asiatic Russia.

FINED \$50

William Brown, colored, alleged proprietor of a gambling house at 62 Lexington avenue, which was raided by a squad of police headed by Sergeant Goulden, Saturday night, was fined \$50 and costs in the City Court this morning. Nineteen frequenters who were also arrested in the raid, failed to appear for trial this morning thereby forfeiting bonds of \$15 each.

THE WEATHER.

New Haven, Dec. 11.—For Bridgeport and vicinity: Fair tonight; Friday cloudy and warmer.

President Wires To Lewis

Expresses His Appreciation
of Patriotic Action of
the Men.

MINES TO START
WORK TOMORROW

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson today telegraphed Acting President John L. Lewis of the coal miners' union his appreciation of the "patriotic action" taken by the miners' representatives yesterday at Indianapolis.

The telegram follows: "May I not express to you, and through you, to the other officers of your organization, my appreciation of the patriotic action which you took at Indianapolis yesterday. Now we must all work together to see to it that a settlement just and fair to everyone is reached without delay." (Signed)

"WOODROW WILSON."
Indianapolis, Dec. 11.—General operation of bituminous coal mines of the country which have been idle for nearly six weeks as a result of the strike of miners on Oct. 21, is predicted for tomorrow. Coal will be moving rapidly by the first of next week in the opinion of operators here.

Officials of the United Mine Workers of America last night sent telegrams to the 4,000 locals of the organization telling of the actions of the miners' general committee here yesterday in accepting President Wilson's proposal and instructing the men to return to the mines immediately.

These were supplemented today by circulars prepared by international officials of the union explaining in detail the action of the general committee yesterday, the basis on which the strike was settled and reiterating the instructions to resume work at once.

Reports reaching here this morning told of the return as early as last night of some of the miners in near-by fields and in other instances of some of the men reporting for work today. The mine operators on their part promise to bend all their energies toward resumption of normal operation.

CLEMENCEAU GOES TO LONDON FOR CONFERENCE

London, Dec. 11.—Georges Clemenceau, Premier of France, arrived here this morning at about ten o'clock. During his stay in London he will confer with Premier Lloyd George and Vittorio Salicrú, foreign minister of Italy.

A special train had been sent to Folkestone to meet M. Clemenceau, but the French destroyer on which the premier crossed the Channel encountered rough seas and its captain decided to proceed to Dover instead.

Crowds outside and inside Victoria Station cheered the arrival of the French premier, who was greeted by Premier Lloyd George, Earl Curzon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and Walter Hume Long, First Lord of the Admiralty. When the premier greeted Mr. Lloyd George, he said in English: "I am glad to see you."

The premier then drove to the French embassy.

The two prime ministers began their private conferences in Mr. Lloyd's official residence in Downing street at 11 o'clock. It was generally expected that their discussions would last through today and tomorrow. The British premier abandoned his usual Thursday visit to the House of Commons in order to place his time entirely at the disposal of M. Clemenceau.

BODWELL SIGNED OVER PROPERTY TO V. W. FERRIS

South Norwalk, Conn., Dec. 11.—The City National Bank, in a civil suit brought this morning, accuses Cashier Wilfred Bodwell of "wrongfully taking" \$15,000 of the bank's funds and "converting same to his own use." Damages of \$15,000 are asked. Twelve hours before the bank's attachment was served by a deputy sheriff, Mr. Bodwell signed over his half-interest in his home property to his brother-in-law, Victor W. Ferris.

ASK ADMINISTRATORS BEGIN ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL FUEL LAWS

J. J. STORROW SENDS TELEGRAM TO FORMER ADMINISTRATORS ASKING THEM TO CONFER WITH MAYORS—GIVES NEW FUEL RULES.

Boston, Dec. 11.—Notice that the coal conservation regulations will be continued in force throughout New England indefinitely notwithstanding the settlement of the coal strike was given by Fuel Administrator James J. Storrow today. State administrators were instructed to report all violations to Mr. Storrow who will seek to invoke the Lever Act to enforce the regulations.

Mr. Storrow said that for the relief of stores, which are obliged to curtail their lighting during the holiday season, he would appeal to Washington as soon as there was a prospect of coal deliveries. Other interests affected would probably have to continue under the regulations for at least three months he said.

State administrators expected to perfect today the reorganization of their war time forces, which were composed of city and town administrators. The administrators have been requested to confer with Mr. Storrow here tomorrow.

Mr. Storrow has sent the following telegram to those who served with him in the previous crisis as fuel administrators: "Have been asked by the New England Federal Fuel Committee, of which I am vice chairman, to undertake enforcement of Federal Fuel regulations for New England. I hope you will consent to serve as No soft or steam coal has come into Federal representation in your city. New England by railroad for three weeks and consumption of our railroads alone greater than all water coal moving to New England. Please be kind enough to seek co-operation of your mayor and then begin at once to net along lines of United States Fuel Administrator's regulations."

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Storrow issued the following statement: "I have not yet had the time to effect an organization, but it is my duty to warn every user of light or power, in New England, that these regulations must be strictly followed and must be regarded as in full force. The lights in your office must be turned off at 4 o'clock; heat must be turned out at 6 o'clock; heat must be turned out at 4 o'clock; stores must not use more than six hours of artificial light. The Retail Trade Board has selected the hours from 1:30 to 1:30 for keeping the store open. I recommend that the same hours be observed by all stores, but until further notice, a store can select its own hours, but must observe the six hour limit. Show-window lights, electric signs, illuminated billboards and other display lighting must not be used, beginning tonight, by anyone, whether store, hotel, restaurant, bowling alley, theatre, or anyone else. Cabarets, dance halls, pool rooms, bowling alleys, must not be lighted or use heat after 11 o'clock p. m. beginning tonight. No New England factory today is able to obtain fresh coal. Unless conditions change rapidly, when this rapidly dwindling supply gives out, the factory must shut down. All retail dealers are forbidden to deplete the stock of soft coal in their yards by deliveries to factories under any circumstances, except to prevent plants from freezing. "I ought to remind the New England people that not a pound of bituminous or steam coal is coming to New England over our railroads and has not been, for 29 days during the war. It is also true that not a pound of coal is being loaded on any large or steamer coast to New England, except a request to made the central committee in Washington for license to load that particular barge or steamer; and very few of these licenses are being granted; so that both by sea and land New England's supply of steam coal has been reduced to 25 per cent. of our daily needs. We are living on our reserves, which are dwindling fast. We shall have no standing with the Federal committee at Washington, and will not succeed in getting even the present scanty number of steamers and barges unless we observe strictly the Federal regulations."

EX-SEN. PECK'S SUMMER HOME BROKEN INTO

Jimmies Used to Open Windows—Intruders Scared Away.

(Special to The Times.)
Redding, Dec. 11.—Evidently frightened away before completing the job they had undertaken were the unknown parties who broke into the summer mansion of ex-Senator L. O. Peck at Sunset Hill during the latter part of last week. The house had been vacated by the Pecks several weeks before and the depredations committed by the unlawful visitors were discovered by Mrs. Peck when she came here from New York last Friday. Deputy Sheriff Banks was called into the case and aided in making a thorough investigation. It was found that entrance had been gained by prying open a window and that every locked door within had been forced in the same manner. Marks left on the wood showing that two jimmies of different size were used in this operation. The burglars conducted their indoor work in a leisurely fashion, as stubs of cigars were purloined from Senator Peck's stock were found in nearly every room in the house. Curtains were torn and damage done to other furnishings in a seeming spirit of pure wantonness.

Silverware and other valuables in considerable quantity were selected and placed in a box, but of the loot thus assembled the only article taken was a service revolver belonging to a former soldier who had been a guest of the Pecks and left behind this part of his equipment and his military belt. The latter was not taken. Of two guns in the house the burglar had purloined the most valuable one and placed it on the piano where it remained. These conditions plainly showed that at the last moment something scared the intruders into a hurried departure with no plunder in their possession except the revolver. The only clue they left to their identity were a number of finger prints and copies of these have been taken in the hope that they may lead to the detection of the guilty parties.

It is the belief of Sheriff Banks that the job was the work of outsiders belonging to the semi-professional class whose specialty is the raiding of unoccupied country places belonging to wealthy people. The methods were much the same as those used in the burglary of the Fellowes residence about a year ago; only in that instance the raiders got away with booty to the value of about \$1,000. Several promising trails were followed in the effort to run them down, but the hunt was unsuccessful.

GRAY HEADS UNION PACIFIC

New York, Dec. 11.—Carl R. Gray was elected president of the Union Pacific system companies at a meeting today.

Mr. Gray, whose headquarters will be at Omaha, will assume office Jan. 1. He will succeed as president Robert S. Lovett, who will remain as chairman of the executive committee.

FREIGHT CAR ENTERED

A freight car assigned to Goldberg brothers, 441 Water street, was broken into by thieves sometime Sunday, Monday or Tuesday night, and 43 bags of onions were stolen.